

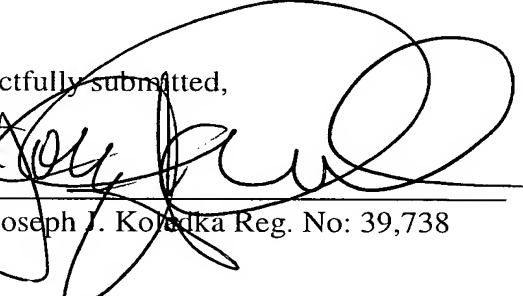
**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments to the application.

In reply to claim 4 and 11 indicated as allowable, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 4 and 11, respectively. Claim 14 has been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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